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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on May 20, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group 17 (claims 3, 28, and 32-37 as directed to SEQ ID NO:17 (human leptin)). The election is made without traverse.

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